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CLUB LIBRARY OFFERS WIDE VARIETY  
OF CHOICE READING

Do you want a real bargain? Well, you can borrow any one of the 600 books in the Farm Credit Club circulating library from Friday until Monday for just 2 cents.

Among the 600 books are many classics of world literature, as well as the latest best sellers, both in fiction and general topics. If the book you want happens to be out, ask the librarian to reserve it for you at an early date.

By way of a reminder, the Club Library is located in room 1100 in the Arlington Hotel, and is open every work day from 12 to 1 p.m. Club members in the South Bldg. don't even have to take an elevator to get a book. Just call Ext. AH-199, tell the librarian what you want, and the books will be sent to you the same afternoon in a sealed envelope.

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## GOING AWAY PARTY

Ward W. Fetrow was given a rousing "bon voyage" luncheon by CE&S at Naylor's on April 22. At the conclusion of the luncheon he was presented with a handy pocket secretary as a token of esteem. "Andy" McKay acted as master of ceremonies, and a number of the staff responded with words of advice, wit, and wisdom. Ward is flying to Japan and insisted that the luncheon be kept on a very "high plane." Hurry back, Ward; your friends will all miss you!

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## EAST OR WEST, THE GARDENERS CARRY ON

Farm Credit "Victory Gardeners" of the wartime variety are now just plain dirt gardeners. Some are already eating radishes, spinach, and other early crops grown, while others have just turned the soil. Many may wish for rich Kansas or Missouri loam, but can find consolation in knowing that good results can be obtained with some local varieties.

As to the value of gardening, we can do no better than quote President Truman's statement as follows:

"The value of gardening in building strong bodies, healthy minds and a happy people has never been greater. Today we need physical strength to increase production of all the commodities the nation needs; we need moral strength to combat inflation and other economic dislocations; we need spiritual strength to see us through the trying days of postwar readjustment. We need clear minds to cope with the problems of establishing a lasting peace. Today we need relaxation, happiness and congenial relationships among our people.

"These needs can be met in great part by a continuing program which involves participation of millions of Americans in home gardening. Eating more nutritious foods, improving home surroundings and aiding community development will make this land of ours an even better place to live in."

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The nominating committee of the WAGS has planned a meeting, May 26, for the election of officers and preparation of a schedule for future meetings.

# Editorial Staff

Editor George H. Thomson  
Assistant Editor Katherine Delany  
Art Editor Tom Pritchard

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## LAUGHS AVAILABLE

Want to laugh? If you do, get your tickets now for the riotous 3-act comedy, "Aunt Tillie Goes to Town!" which is to be presented at the Dept. of Agriculture Auditorium, May 21 and 22, by the Agricultural Players. You'll be in hysterics laughing at some of the funny scenes in this play. See Jonie Schaaf, room 4831 South Bldg. or Teddy Taylor, room 915 Arlington Hotel, for tickets. The price is 50 cents.

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## BLUE RIBBONS NOT WINNERS AT ANNUAL SPRING DANCE

Blue ribbons often designate winners, but not at the Farm Credit dance of Friday evening, April 18 (it spilled over into the next morning). Ribbons of every length and color were distributed at the door of the Hotel 2400 ballroom when the crowd began gathering, even ahead of time. The significance of the ribbons didn't dawn until intermission when ten wearers of the lucky orange received door prizes.

No casualties were reported, fewer uniforms were in evidence, and the traditional grand March wasn't marched, but the annual spring dance went over with a bang with those attending. Many former members of the FCA team and other friends were present.

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The Moving Finger writes; and having writ,  
Moves on; nor all your piety nor wit  
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,  
Nor all your tears wash out a word of it.

Omar Khayyam

## TERESA MURPHY LEADING AT HALF TIME IN BRIDGE

At the halfway mark in the FCA bridge tournament, first place, which has been held interchangeably by Teresa Murphy and Marie Fuhr, is in the possession of Teresa Murphy with a total of 15,370 points. Mary Nolz, with 12,930 points, has edged Marie Fuhr for second spot. Marie has 12,880, while G. D. Thompson is fourth with 12,640, and Kathleen Thomas, with 11,810, is fifth. Ample time remains for those who so far have held poor cards to build up their scores and scamper into the prizewinning circle.

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## Strictly Personal

Economic & Credit Research. Word has been received from WALTER BAUER and ROSS SILKETT that they have arrived in Berlin... RALPH BATTLES was scheduled to leave by plane for Japan on April 26... LEOTA HARMAN is on vacation in Canada, Michigan, and Kansas City... MESSRS. PLANTING, TONN, and MOORE built up muscles and acquired suntans one Saturday afternoon recently splitting and chopping logs which IRA CASTLES had cut down in his back yard... MRS. YOUNG'S knitting class is showing a lot of activity.

Governor's Office. JAMES JACKSON, who knows Washington like a book, is taking a week's rest at home on doctor's orders... ANN J. COWEN, R. N., formerly of MR. SELBY'S office, writes that she is remaining at Winter General Hospital in Topeka, Kansas, as a graduate specializing in psychiatrics. She likes the work, the hospital, and the patients very much... ED HELL of the General Agent's office in Spokane, who several years ago was a member of the Central Office force, has been seen around the halls during the past week.

Mail Room. We extend our sympathy to CHARLES E. HOLMES in the death of his



mother in Norfolk, Virginia, April 15.

Information & Extension. MARY KATHRYN WATSON has transferred to the Land Bank Division...Several employees of the Division have not won Chevrolets in the Bob Hope contest...We are glad to hear from RALPH FOSTER and to know that he is happy in his new job, although the family has not been able to locate an apartment. Housing conditions in Topeka, according to Ralph, are "as bad as or worse than Washington," incredible as this may seem to those still searching for a place to lay the weary head...JAMES L. ROBINSON visited several states in the First Farm Credit District on a recent trip...VERNON VINE and spouse came down from the vicinity of Philadelphia and the Farm Journal a couple of weekends ago and visited with the HOAGS, REIDS, MUMFORDS, and perhaps others.

Cooperative Research & Service. MILDRED CAREY was called to her home in California on April 12, because of the death of her brother. We extend our deepest sympathy to you, Mildred...L. E. MORALES' daughter Patricia, who will graduate from Marjorie Webster's Junior College in June, appeared on the program sponsored by that college on Station WARL, Saturday, April 26. She played a piano solo and also accompanied other performers...MARtha TROUT is enjoying the big lights of New York City this week...The Division extends sympathy to Mrs. Muldowney in the death of her aunt, last week...It seems that "Hi, Bud," is getting to be a popular greeting in the Grain Section. How about it, MR. BALLOW?

Solicitor's Office. NORA and CYRIL KEHRES are spending a few weeks in Washington while attending to official business. NORA says that Washington looks very good to her after spending the past year in small towns in Wyoming, South Dakota, and Nebraska. (Editor's note: What's wrong with 'em?!)...BRUCE KING'S son JOHN has practically recovered from a bad fall which resulted in a concussion.

Administrative. GLADYS LYTTLE is spending a holiday of three weeks in Dallas, Texas...MAUDE FREEMAN has sold her home and is now out looking for an apartment.

General Files. This Division seems to have what is known as "Ole Spring Fever." Could be due to hearing ALICE SNUFFER tell of the fun she had riding the waves while vacationing in Florida...Talk of summer vacations also is in the air...Things are buzzing around the MEL METZLER home, what with big plans for a garden, and trying to keep the cat off the roof...PAULY BALL is expecting company from K.C. in the person of HAZEL FOSTER, a former member of General Files...We all extend congratulations to HELEN BAILEY and OSCAR DAVIS, both former members of the "Big Family"...MRS. SMITH is getting settled in her long-awaited home.

Finance & Accounts. OPAL GOODIN of Bristol, Tennessee, was a weekend guest of Helen McCabe during the Cherry Blossom Festival...The calculating unit regrets the departure of IRMA WAECHTER, who is returning to K. C., and GERALDINE BENDER, who will report for duty at Fort Myer, North Post...BOB YORKDALE, a member of this Division until his transfer last fall to Farmers Home Administration, will be his own boss after the first days in May. He is resigning to enter business for himself in the Capital City...JEAN MCRAE had a wonderful time renewing old FCA and Budget Bureau acquaintances in a recent visit.

Cooperative. ELLIS BATTEN is spending a week on business at the National Wool Marketing Corporation in Boston...B. F. VIEHMANN has been confined for two weeks battling the flu...That happy look KAY PRICE is wearing could be because a certain person is here from Boston.

Library. GRACE TRYON has some unusually good night camera shots of Washington which she took from her window at Meridian Hill. They show an excellent view of Sixteenth Street, Washington Monument--and the moon!

Land Bank. On a recent visit GERTRUDE HUNSAKER found a parting gift awaiting her from the Land Bank Division - sterling silver salt and pepper shakers...OLGA ALFEN, who has just recuperated from another weekend in New York, is now busily entertaining a house guest from California (continued on page 4)

# Spotlight

## FCA WOMEN'S TEN PIN LEAGUE Week Ended April 24, 1947

For the last roundup in bowling, May 1, the Muffets will meet the Jills; the Bo Peeps will tangle with the Black Sheep; and the Humpty Dumpties meet head-on with the Queens.

No changes in standings occurred April 24. Individually, Ross tightened her hold on first honors by increasing her average to 145, while Morris tied Dyhrberg with 137, and Nolz tied Palmer at 136.

### Team Standings

	Captain	Won	Lost
Humpty Dumpties	O'Bryan	58	29
Queens	D. Beirne	49	38
Black Sheep	Ross	47	40
Muffets	McCabe	46	31
Bo Peeps	Holland	41	46
Jills	Ferguson	21	66

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### CALL GOES OUT FOR MORE WOMEN TENPIN BOWLERS

Tentative reservations have been made for 6 alleys on Tuesday nights at 6:30 at the Arcadia, for the 1947-48 season. To date, however, only enough kegler have been pledged to justify four teams. Under the circumstances, we suggest that anyone who wants to bowl tenpins next fall either full time or as a substitute should sign up now. Waiting until fall may be too late.

Teams will be organized by averages for the first time rather than by the girls organizing their own teams. This should result in very close and interesting competition.

Bowlers are invited to get in touch with Leona Holland in the Arlington Hotel or Mary Nolz in the South Bldg.

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## Strictly Personal (continued)

...Baby MARGARET LINDENMAYER (as pink and white as a cherry blossom), made a recent visit to the Division with Grandmother FREW...EDNA WOODS took a couple of days leave to sightsee with a visiting friend ...CARL COLVIN took along his underwater pen when he flew to Puerto Rico, just in case of mishap, we guess...Also to Puerto Rico went BERYL STRAIGHT and HAROLD F. JAMES...We understand that HAL LAKE has his own forest program out on his Maryland farm. At the end of a hard day of tree planting he may not say with the poet: "I think that I shall never see a poem lovely as a tree!"

**Personnel.** Need a maid? We hear that TEDDY TAYLOR is an excellent one in "Aunt Tillie," the play soon to be given by the USDA Players...CLARICE ANDREWS has as her guest her niece, MARJORIE LEONARD, with whom she will travel back to Kansas for a vacation...Personnel Division was sorry to bid farewell to JEANNE BOLAND, who resigned to return to her home in New Jersey...BLANCHE STONE was one of the examiners who assisted in giving the general clerical test last Saturday.

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## Club Library (continued)

Among the best sellers in the New York Times book review of a recent Sunday, the Club Library has on its shelves the following titles:

Lydia Bailey by Roberts  
The Wayward Bus by Steinbeck  
Gentleman's Agreement by Hobson  
The Miracle of the Bells by Jarney  
Mrs. Mike by Freedman and Freedman  
The Walls of Jericho by Wellman  
East River by Asch  
The Chequer Board by Shute  
B. F.'s Daughter by Marquand  
Dulcimer Street by Collins  
Mr. Adam by Frank  
Web of Lucifer by Samuel  
A Garden to the Eastward by Lamb  
Peace of Mind by Lietman  
The Egg and I by MacDonald  
The Roosevelt I Knew by Perkins

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